the incorporation of the new joint venture company under the name "Tata-Indian oil Refineries Limited".

Reviving of sick small scale units

*12. PROF. CHANDRESH P. THAKUR:
SHRI KAPIL VERMA:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what measures are in progress to revive the sick small units in the country;

(b) whether there is any plan to prevent such a high incidence of sickness in this sector; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) to (c) A number of measures have been taken by Government towards rehabilitation of sick units in the small scale sector. Detailed guidelines have been issued by the Reserve Bank of India in February, 1987 with specific reference to identification of sick small scale units, viability norms, detecting incipient sickness as also reliefs and concessions from banks/financial institutions for implementation of rehabilitation packages in the case of potentially viable units. The Reserve Bank has also indicated warning signals which the financial institutions have to look out for detecting incipient sickness in the small scale sector. A comprehensive package of reliefs and concessions which can be extended to potentially viable sick units under rehabilitation has also been drawn up by the Reserve Bank of India. Special cells have been set up by the Reserve Bank of India, Industrial Development Bank of India and scheduled commercial banks to tackle the problems of sickness in the small scale sector. State-level Inter-Institutional Committees have been constituted to render assistance to sick units in a coordinated manner.

The Government of India have liberalised the margin money scheme under which loan assistance is available to sick small scale units for rehabilitation. Under the liberalised scheme, the maximum amount of assistance per unit has been increased from Rs. 20,000/- to Rs. 50,000/- per unit. Further, while the normal percentage of assistance will be to the extent of 50 per cent of the requirement of margin money for non-tiny units and to the extent of 75 per cent in the case of tiny units, in exceptional cases this could be extended upto 75 per cent in the case of non-tiny units and to the extent of 90 per cent in the case of tiny units subject, however, to the overall financial limit of Rs. 50,000/- per units. The scope of assistance from Small Industry Development Fund set up by the Industrial Development Bank of India in May, 1986 also provides for refinancing the rehabilitation assistance to sick SSI units financed by commercial bank, State Financial Corporations and Small Industry Development Corporations. The Small Industry Development Organisation under the development commissioner, SSI has also taken up a programme of rehabilitation of sick units.

Prosecution of Drug Manufacturers

*13. SHRI NIRMAL CHATTERJEE:
SHRI K. MOHANAN:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether in the light of the Supreme Court Judgement Government propose to prosecute some leading drug companies which had violated the provisions of the Drug Price Control Order, 1979;

(b) if so, by when prosecution is likely to be launched against them; and

(c) what are the names of those leading drug manufacturers?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) to (c) In the judgement referred to in

the Question, Supreme Court upheld various prices of drugs fixed by the Government. Action as per due process of Law is being taken wherever necessary.

ऊर्जा उत्पादन में वृद्धि

*14. **श्री अजीत सिंह :** क्या ऊर्जा मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि पिछले वर्ष की अपेक्षा इस वर्ष ऊर्जा उत्पादन में वृद्धि हुई है और यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है ; और

(ख) क्या यह भी सच है कि ऊर्जा उत्पादन अभी भी निर्धारित लक्ष्य से कम है और यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में ब्यौरा क्या है ?

ऊर्जा मंत्रालय में विद्युत विभाग में राज्यमंत्री (श्रीमती सुशीला रोहतगी): (क) और (ख) अप्रैल से जून, 1987 तक की अवधि के दौरान कुल विद्युत उत्पादन पिछले वर्ष की इसी अवधि में हुए विद्युत उत्पादन से 8.3% अधिक था । चालू वर्ष की पहली तिमाही के दौरान कुल विद्युत उत्पादन लक्ष्य से 0.5% कम था ।

Recommendation of UP Government of Jaswant Singh Commission Report

*15. SHRI KAPIL VERMA:
SHRI SOHAN LAL DHUSIYA:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 279 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 20th April, 1987 and state:

(a) what recommendation has since been made by the Government of Uttar Pradesh in regard to the report of the Jaswant Singh Commission about setting up a bench of Allahabad High Court at a place in Western UP; and

(b) what decision has been taken by the Centre on the UP Government's recommendation and on the Commission's report?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) and (b) The State Government have not given their definite views and proposal in their reply. Further clarifications are to made from the UP Government. The matter is engaging the attention of the Government of India.

Supply of Soda Ash

*16. PROF. B. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what are the new guidelines, if any, issued for the supply of soda ash to consumers by the manufacturers;

(b) what percentage is to be reserved for supply through cooperatives like Super Bazar, State Cooperative outlets; etc.;

(c) whether the current production is sufficient to meet the demands of the consumers; and

(d) if not, whether any proposals are under Government's consideration to bridge the gap between the demand and supply?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) and (b) While, in view of the comfortable availability position of Soda Ash, no new guidelines have been specifically issued nor any reservations made, yet the Monitoring Sub-Committee which was set up in 1985, continues to monitor the demand and supply position.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Under the current import policy, Soda Ash is under Open General Licence (OGL) for actual users. In order to increase indigenous production, Government has delicensed manufacture of Soda Ash (Standard Solvey Process).